

THE WEATHER
Rain this afternoon and tonight followed by rapidly falling temperature; Friday fair and cooler.

TEMPERATURE EACH HOUR									
8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5
60	68	68	68	68	60				

PLUNGE TO DEATH AS FUNERAL AUTO RUNS OFF BRIDGE

One Woman Killed, Two Others and Man Probably Will Die

SWERVED IN TRACKS ON GRAY'S FERRY SPAN

Hog Island Truck Also Causes Death in Penrose Ferry Crash

One woman was killed outright and two women and a man were hurt, perhaps fatally, when a motorcar, part of a funeral cortege, plunged over the Grays Ferry bridge, landing on the west bank of the Schuylkill river, about seventy-five feet below, at 11:40 o'clock today.

The dead: Mrs. K. Benedette, Pearl street, Camden. Skull and chest crushed.

The injured: Mrs. Angelina Christiano, 1311 Wharton street. May have fractured skull and internal injuries.

Mrs. Rosa Trolia, twenty-one years old, 1311 Wharton street, daughter of Mrs. Christiano and niece of Mrs. Benedette. Skull may be fractured.

Frank De Sulego, 1514 Catherine street. Driver of the "dead" car. It is believed his back is broken.

The machine was one of a dozen or more automobiles, filled with mourners, which were following the body of Alonso Spennell, 2424 South Thirteenth street, to Holy Cross cemetery.

Machine Swerved in Track The machine, driven by De Sulego was the fourth from the rear of the procession, and had nearly reached the west end of the bridge when the accident occurred.

A heavy rain was falling at the time. According to one account, a wheel of the motorcar caught in a trolley track, causing the heavy touring car to swing around and head for the bridge railing.

According to another account, a motorcar, in violation of the law, attempted to pass through the funeral cortege, causing De Sulego's car to be crowded toward the curbing.

Crashed Through Iron Railing The heavy touring car rolled over the curbing and crashed into the four-foot railing before the driver could swing it around.

The car cut through the iron partition like a knife, hung poised for a fraction of a second as the three women shrieked and clung to each other, then dropped toward the west bank.

The automobile, in its swift descent, turned over once, a second before it crashed on the edge of the river bank.

Spectators who saw the sickening plunge of seventy-foot car to the rail and gazed downward. They heard confused cries and saw the car, a battered mass of steel and iron, and a woman's arm protruded from one side.

Even at that distance a widening stream of blood could be seen seeping from the overturned machine.

Mourners in the machines at the rear of the funeral procession jumped to the street and ran toward the railing. Their cries caused drivers of the machines in the procession to stop and look back at the scene and women lined the rail, calling for help.

Women First to Aid Mrs. C. Ashburner, a janitress at the assistant yardmaster's office at the ferry, was the first to reach the wrecked motorcar.

A score of others scrambled down the slippery bank leading to the water's edge and helped life the car from the mangled occupants. Mrs. Ashburner was first aid.

The patrol of the Twenty-first district and the University Hospital ambulance were summoned. Police and ambulance crew brought stretchers to the river's edge. Police took charge of the dead woman, while the injured were carried to the street level and taken in the ambulance.

The police boat, Leyburn, anchored a short distance away, steamed to the scene. Reports that one of the women had been carrying a baby could not be verified, but the Leyburn's crew searched in the shallow water near where the machine struck.

One man was killed and two injured, one of them seriously, when a truck backed with Hog Island shipyard, headed with Hog Island shipyard, backed after it had crossed Penrose Ferry bridge at 7:45 o'clock this morning.

The man killed was Joseph Bozarth, fifty-two years old, of 2421 South Thirtieth street. He was a helper on the truck.

Francis Burton, twenty-one years old, of 156 North Dearborn street, the river, was seriously hurt, and is in the Methodist hospital.

William Shier, twenty-two years old, of 731 West Toga street, was also taken to the Methodist hospital, but was discharged after treatment there.

The truck load of ice was bound for Hog Island shipyard. It had barely crossed the bridge when it skidded on the road, slipping with rain, and overturned. During the night the forecasters predicted a heavy rain, with gusty winds in Philadelphia stronger than thirty-five miles an hour. It probably will rain hard all afternoon and all night. During the night the forecasters predicted the temperature to fall about ten degrees, with tomorrow morning's minimum about 50.

SCENE WHERE TRAIN KILLED MOTORIST ON CROSSING



The photograph shows the Irving avenue crossing of the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad, Collingswood, N. J., on which a train bound for Philadelphia struck the automobile of S. Delmar Townsend, of Collingswood, this morning, instantly killing him. The X indicates the point where the car was struck. The machine was hurled to the opposite track, beside which it is seen in the picture.

4 MAY DIN GRATZ IN QUITTING BOARD

Former Judge Beeber, "Dave" Lane and Avery D. Harrington Likely to Resign

Four members of the Board of Education, aside from Simon Gratz, president of that body, are said to be planning to resign.

Mr. Gratz has announced that he will resign and said he knew two others expected to follow his lead.

One of the two is former Judge Dimitri Beeber, a member of the important finance committee and of the special committee on the new superintendent of schools.

Mr. Gratz would not reveal the name of the second man he knew was likely to resign. He said it was neither Avery D. Harrington nor John Wannamaker, nor was it "Uncle Dave" Lane.

"I would not be surprised, however," said Mr. Gratz, "to see Mr. Lane resign also."

Mr. Harrington, who has been ill, made this statement in answer to reports that he planned to resign.

"I have not given the matter serious consideration. I would rather consult with several members of the board before I make any definite announcement."

Beeber Considers Quitting "I am considering the matter of resigning," said Mr. Beeber. "I am so busy with other things that the work of the school board makes serious inroads on my time. I have not yet made up my mind to resign, and it is possible that I may not do so. It is quite true, however, that I am giving the question serious thought."

The board members whose contemplated resignations are either known or rumored, therefore, are Gratz, Beeber, Lane and Harrington, and a fifth whose name remains a matter of conjecture.

The school system is extremely complex, and it is possible that the resignations of the board members will fill the places of the veterans who are about to leave the board.

"It should say it is quite possible that a woman will be appointed to fill one of the vacancies," said Mr. Gratz. "Perhaps there will be more than one woman."

As Valuable as Men "Now that women have the vote, this would seem quite within the realm of probability. A good woman member of the board is just as valuable as a good man member. The women may not be quite so good at the routine of business, but they are better in other matters pertaining particularly to their sex and to children. Many problems arise in the business of the school board which could be solved more readily by a woman than by a man."

"I should like to see a young man appointed to one of the vacancies. I was a young man myself when I began to work on the board, and it is extremely complex, and to understand it requires deep study and constant attention."

"As to the resignations, I shall not resign, nor will the others. I know you are giving most of their pay, and it would be outrageous for us to leave the board before provision could be made to carry out this regulation."

"I cannot resign until the teachers have their increases," Mr. Gratz said. "Ten votes are needed on the board to put an increase into effect, and nine votes are needed to give the teachers more money. I will stay to cast it."

"But the salary controversy will be finished this year, and the move is nothing to hind me. The members of the board have known for some time it is my intention to resign next year."

Tired of Bickering "I am very tired of the constant bickering among the teachers. They are fairly at each other's throats and are giving most of their time to fighting instead of to their work."

Mr. Gratz has been right in the center of the teacher pay increase fight, one clique of teachers claiming he was their best friend and the other saying he was working against them.

Mr. Gratz took his oath of office as a member of the board on December 9, 1919. He was elected president in 1919, and from that time until 1920 he steadily refused re-election.

In the fall one clique of teachers threatened to resign as president and Mr. Gratz, as vice president, held the chair until the time for election. He was then elected to the presidency unanimously.

A VISIT TO THE GREAT BALDWIN WORKS—Head in hand with an expert photographer is taking through the world's largest locomotive plant, in next issue.

\$1,000,000 FIRE LOSS ON GALVESTON PIERS

Italian Steamer and Wheat Cargo Still Burning—Blaze Starts in Acid Plant

Galveston, Tex., Sept. 30.—(By A. P.)—Fire starting in the sulphur bins on the Galveston docks this morning spread rapidly along the waterfront, destroying Pier 35 and a part of the plant of the cotton concentration company, and causing damage estimated at considerably more than a million dollars.

The fire on the docks was finally brought under control, but the Italian steamship Etna and its cargo of wheat, to which the fire spread, continued to burn.

The accident occurred at 7:50 o'clock. A steady rain, falling at the time, is blamed for Townsend's evident inability to see the crossing guard, a woman, signaling that a train was approaching.

The automobile was struck just as it straddled the track. The machine was knocked fully fifty feet and demolished. The crushed body of Townsend was found on another track.

No Gates at Crossing The train which struck Townsend had Atlantic City for Camden and Philadelphia at 7 o'clock. On it were many Philadelphians. It was held up almost five minutes while the wreckage was being cleared away.

No accident has occurred at the Irving avenue crossing for many years prior to the one today. There are no safety gates, but the woman crossing tender had proved to be ample safeguard.

Witnesses of the crash are unanimous in saying that the woman was on the road with her "stop" signal in plenty of time to answer to the car.

Wife Faints at News The crash could be heard for several blocks, and soon a crowd of several hundred persons was gathered at the scene. Mrs. Townsend, the only survivor of the victim, fainted when told that her husband was the man killed in the wreck.

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As the result of the accident, agitation was started at once to have safety gates provided for the crossing.

LEAPS TO DEATH AT SEA Mrs. Mary Newell Jumps From Fall River, Mass., Sept. 30.—(By A. P.)—A woman who had engaged a stateroom on the Fall River Line steamer at Providence, under the name Mrs. Mary Newell, jumped overboard soon after the steamer left New York last night. The vessel was stopped and the boat searched the waters for half an hour, but found no trace of her.

In the stateroom officers found a note asking that a son, Beach Newell, of Baltimore, and a daughter, Mrs. L. Ernest Collier, of New York city, be notified.

Boy, Hurt by Machinery, Dies Joseph Tener, fifteen years old, died today in St. Luke's hospital from injuries received September 8, when his arm was caught in a rolling machine in the Nicotown plant of the George W. Blaback Co. He lived at 310 Race street.

Magistrate Baker Aids Men Injured at Fifth and Morris Streets Two men on a motortruck and the motorman of a street car were injured when the truck crashed head-on into the street car at Fifth and Morris streets at noon today.

Chico Truck Driven by Harry Segal, twenty-three years old, 232 Mountain street, was going south on Fifth street and attempted to turn westward into Morris street. Segal was thrown off the truck and so was his companion, Morris Spivak, twenty-two years old, 2117 South Fifth street.

The front of the truck was smashed and the front of the street car was bent and glass broken. The motorman was cut about the hands.

Magistrate Baker is holding hearings at his office, 1634 South Fifth street, when the crash occurred. He rushed out, halted a passing automobile and had Segal and Spivak taken to the Mount Sinai hospital. Later the magistrate criticized the driver of the truck for careless driving.

Segal is injured internally and Spivak is suffering from cuts and bruises.

BOY SHOT BY ACCIDENT DIES AS MOTORIST REFUSES AID

Driver, Fearing Blood Will Soil Wife's Dress, Disregards Plea to Take Camden Lad to Hospital

Because a hard-hearted motorist refused to take him to the hospital for fear his wife's dress might be bloodstained, a Camden boy, injured while playing, lost so much blood that he died.

It was so long before another motorist came by the place where the injured boy and his chum awaited assistance that there was no chance of recovery when the second motorist took them to the hospital.

The dead boy was William Grimmer, eight years of age, of 2204 Howell street. His chum was William Kelly, who lives nearby. They were gunning in the meadows along Cooper river near Browning road yesterday when the accident happened.

Grimmer and Kelly stopped to talk over the best method of beating their way through the reeds. Grimmer allowed his gun to drag carelessly between his legs. Somehow, it went off, tearing away the whole side of his face.

Hardly able to see because of the flow of blood and growing weaker every minute, Grimmer, aided by Kelly, started to stagger toward the road. Kelly had almost to carry his injured chum the last hundred yards.

TRAIN HITS AUTO; DRIVER IS KILLED

S. Delmar Townsend Fails to See Signal at Collingswood, Due to Heavy Rain

Machine Knocked 50 Feet

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ROBINSON READY TO AID IN PROBE OF WORLD SERIES

Brooklyn Manager Visits District Attorney's Office After Conference With Ebbets

To Push Chicago Inquiry Despite Hoyne's Views

Two More White Sox Players Said to Be Anxious to Testify

New York, Sept. 30.—Wilbert Robinson, manager of the Brooklyn National League club, this year's pennant winners, today called at the office of District Attorney Lewis, of Brooklyn, accompanied by Ernest Krueger, catcher for the Dodgers.

The district attorney was out at the time and Robinson said they would return tomorrow.

Previous to his visit to Mr. Lewis's office Robinson called on Charles H. Ebbets, president of Brooklyn Club. After their conference Mr. Ebbets declared his club would not ask the district attorney not to press his investigation. Mr. Ebbets asserted he "would come investigation by, an official or court in the country, and again expressed confidence in the integrity of his players."

Robinson called on Ebbets to protect a quiz of the Brooklyn players had some definite information concerning rumors that gamblers had approached members of the team in an attempt to "fix" the 1920 world series.

Manager Robinson said he understood Mr. Lewis had no substantial information of such development and expressed reluctance to allow the district attorney to interrogate the men, unless he had some definite information.

Mr. Ebbets yesterday agreed to cooperate with Mr. Lewis in investigating a report that the same clique of gamblers who are accused of "fixing" the 1919 series had attempted to bribe the Brooklyn players to throw this year's series to their American League opponents.

Probable Before Series Mr. Lewis said that the information on which he had started the investigation was "vague," but he believed that the time to sift the charges was now, being against a series which closed next Tuesday.

Every member of the Brooklyn team will be questioned by Mr. Lewis under an agreement made with Ebbets.

The Brooklyn prosecutor wired Chicago, Hoyne, state's attorney in Chicago, for any information which might have a substantiation of the charges against the Brooklyn team.

The telegram said: "The New York Evening Sun of September 28, 1920, says: 'Information has been gathered by officials tended to indicate that the same clique of gamblers which is alleged to have "fixed" the 1919 series have made plans to attempt to have Brooklyn throw this year's series to the Cleveland Indians.'"

"I intend to initiate an investigation at once. Will you let me know if you have any information in connection with this?"

"If there are any players on the Brooklyn club concerned in any way in this rumor I will suspend them at once," Mr. Lewis said.

The district attorney will prosecute gamblers if he finds evidence against them that provision of the criminal code which concerns conspiracy to do an illegal thing, "a cheat," in the language of the law in this case.

After his conversation with Mr. Lewis Mr. Ebbets said:

Ebbets Will Help "The Brooklyn Baseball Club will do everything in its power to facilitate an investigation by the district attorney's office. We have absolute confidence in our players and are certain that any charges which are being made will be proved absolutely false."

Mr. Ebbets' club will help the investigation, but he will not be asked by the grand jury to testify, made a statement in Brooklyn, which he doesn't deny that he made bets, but says they were few and small.

"I was in Cincinnati attending the races," Mr. Ebbets said. "I was in the hotel in Cincinnati the day before the opening game, when Chicago fans were offering \$5 to \$10 on the White Sox. I liked the chances of the Reds and took a few of these wagers."

"I didn't attend any of the world's series games and never left Cincinnati while they were on. I stayed there and followed the races. I like baseball too well to do anything crooked and never have done a crooked thing in my life."

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ROBS 13TH STREET STORE

Man Escapes After Seizing Three Rings Valued at \$500

A negro seized three rings valued at \$500 from a jewelry store of Joseph K. Davidson & Sons, 210 South Thirteenth street, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He dodged Thirteenth street and escaped.

The man posed as a customer, and asked to be shown a tray of rings. When the tray was held out for his inspection he grabbed three of the rings and ran for the store with the proprietor and several pedestrians in pursuit.

He then drove to the hospital. But it was too late. Physicians there said Grimmer probably would have recovered had the first motorist aided him, but in the interval of waiting he lost so much blood that he died about midnight.

Camden police are looking for the man who refused to help the injured boy.

WOMAN ON COX ELECTORAL TICKET HERE

Mrs. Ellen Duane Davis, wife of Dr. Edward Parker Davis, 250 South Twenty-first street, was nominated today as a Democratic elector-at-large in Pennsylvania. The nominations were made by Governor Cox and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic presidential and vice presidential nominees, and announced at Democratic national headquarters in New York. Mrs. Davis and her husband are now motoring back to this city from Maine, and will arrive tomorrow.

MANY INJURED TAKEN FROM QUAKE RUINS IN SICILY

CATANIA, SICILY, Sept. 30.—Relief measures for the victims of the earthquake near here on Sunday are being expedited, and many persons injured during the disaster have been rescued from the ruins. The shock was most violent at Giarre, and the village of Codavolpe, nearby, was demolished. The damage throughout the district was enormous.

HARD-BOILED SMITH PAROLED MARCH 20

Action Approved by Baker. Sentence, Cut to 14 Months, Has Since Expired

Washington, Sept. 30.—Former Lieutenant Frank H. (Hard-Boiled) Smith, who was convicted by court-martial in France for brutal treatment of American soldier prisoners, and sentenced to eighteen months in prison, was paroled from Fort Jay, N. Y., March 20, and since that time his sentence as reduced for good behavior has expired. It was stated today at the War Department.

Smith began serving his sentence in France on May 20, 1919, and was transferred to Fort Jay on July 21, 1919. It was stated that the announcement that because of his good behavior in prison he was given a "home parole" after serving approximately ten months.

It was required to report to the military authorities monthly. Meantime his sentence was reduced to fourteen months and thus expired last July 20.

New York, Sept. 30.—(By A. P.)—The fact that Hard-Boiled Smith was paroled on March 20 was first made known by military authorities at Governor's Island, and afterwards confirmed in advices from Washington. A search of records at Fort Jay was made to clear the mystery surrounding what dissonance had been made of Smith, and the announcement of the parole followed.

It was said at Governor's Island that the order for Smith's release was issued by the adjutant general's office at Washington and approved by the secretary of war.

Military authorities said they were uncertain as to Smith's present whereabouts, but believed he had returned to his home in Ohio.

When inquiry concerning Smith was first made at the judge advocate's office in Urbana, Ohio, about two weeks ago, it was stated that he had been paroled from the Fort Jay barracks before June 30.

"Smith was not under the jurisdiction of Major General Bullard and the Eastern Department, representing the Republican Alliance, and J. Lee Patton, judge advocate. "Any disposal made of the prisoner was directed from the War Department at Washington."

After Smith had been paroled in France he originally was sentenced to three years at hard labor after having been found guilty of misusing American soldiers in the prison camp at Chelles, which he commuted. This sentence later was reduced to eighteen months at hard labor at Fort Leavenworth and then cut to fourteen months.

Smith was brought over here and confined at a congressional committee of the treatment of American prisoners in France. Under this investigation and after completed was generally supposed that Smith had been taken to Fort Leavenworth to serve out his sentence, which members of the committee had expressed belief was too light.

Springfield, O., Sept. 30.—(By A. P.)—Frank H. (Hard-Boiled) Smith was paroled from the Fort Jay barracks before June 30, according to advices from that city today, Smith, it was said, stopped off in Urbana to see about an estate in which he had been willed some property, just before leaving Urbana, Smith told friends there that he was going to Nagco, Arizona.

"Hard-boiled" Smith was originally sentenced by a court-martial in France to three years at Leavenworth. While confined at Gleeves after conviction his case was reviewed by General Pershing, who cut the sentence to eighteen months.

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WOMEN WIN; NAMES ORDERED ON LISTS

Court Decides 3000 Voters Must Be Registered by Assessors

Based on Law of 1895

The names of nearly 3000 women of this city were ordered to be placed on the assessors' lists today by Judges Shoemaker, Brey and Patterson in Common Pleas Court No. 1.

Shortly before noon the judges made the announcement, ending for the present at least, the battle the Republican city committee and the Republican Alliance has made to force the assessors to place the names on their lists.

Thousands of women were not assessed, the claim being made that the city assessors failed in their duty.

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